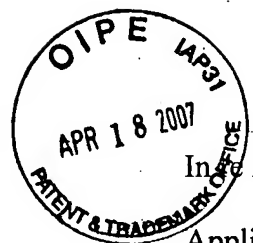


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Sir:

Applicants submit duplicates (photocopies) of the drawings as originally filed, but without the label at the top. The drawings therefore are not "amended" as that term is commonly understood. The label was included with the drawings as originally submitted, which is commonplace, since such identification has heretofore been recommended by the PTO. However, in view of the March 16, 2007 Decision, and specifically at renewed request of Mr. George Dombroske, PCT Legal Examiner, via his voicemail message of April 10, 2007, the duplicate drawings sans label are submitted herewith.

There is no Applicant delay in this application for purposes of patent term extension.

Applicants believe that there is no fee for submitting the drawings. If there is a fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee to our Deposit Account 06-1135 regarding our Order No. 7388/88083.

Respectfully submitted,

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